ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THIS 12th DAY OF October, 2020.

## ORDINANCE NO. 6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE'S MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 2.26 MEETING SCHEDULE, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II CITY COUNCIL; TO ALLOW FOR A CHANGE IN THE MEETING TIME FOR THE WORK AND BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S REGULAR MEETINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Riverdale (hereinafter "City") is governed by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the current Code of Ordinances requires that the City of Riverdale conduct its work sessions of its regular City Council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month beginning at 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, the current Code of Ordinances requires that the City of Riverdale conduct its business sessions of its regular City Council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month beginning at 7:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of not being required to wait until 7:00pm to conduct business and finds it more effective to conduct its work session and business session in the same meeting to begin at 6:00pm; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.26 of the Code of Ordinances must be amended to reflect said change; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance amendment shall not reflect the ability of the council to hold specially called meeting in accordance with Title 50 of the Georgia Code should the business of the City so require;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest to revise the current Code of Ordinances to provide for the change outlined herein.

<u>Section 1</u>. NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Sections 2.26 shall be deleted in its entirety and will be replaced with the following language:

Section 2.26. Meeting Schedule.

The city council shall meet at city hall in the city council chambers at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia, on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for its regular business meeting. Any work session agenda items may be discussed in the regular business meeting. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the city council from holding a specially called meeting in accordance with law.

<u>Section 2.</u> The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia and the City of Riverdale.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council. All Ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed. It is the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Riverdale, Georgia, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, if necessary, to accomplish such intention.

## Section 5.

- a. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.
- b. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.
- c. In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or Section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the

valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or Sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and Sections of the Article shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**Section 6.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

<u>Section 7.</u> The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise specified herein.

**SO ORDAINED**, this <u>12</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2020.

Attest:

THE CITY OF RIVERDALE, GEORGIA

Sylvia Vaughan, City Clerk

Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor

Approved as to form:

L'Erin Barnes Wiggins, City Attorney

Kenny Ruffin, Councilmember

Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Councilmember

Frank Cobbs, Jr., Coupellmember

## MEETING CHANGE AMENDMENT TO SECC. 2.26 MEETING SCHEDULE ORDINANCE No. 6-2020 FROM 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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